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For: DRY ETCHING METHOD

 Enclosed are: [X] 2 sheets of drawings ([X] formal [] informal size A4). [X] 14 pages of specification, including claims and abstract. [X] 16 total pages [X] Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney [X] Newly executed [] Copy from prior application [] Inventors deleted; see attached statement [] Inventor Information Sheet [] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein [] Sequence Listing [] Computer Readable Copy [] Paper copy [] The undersigned hereby affirms that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. [] Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.CLAIMS FILED

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Japan Appln. No. 2000-190716, filed June 26, 2000

This is a Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part of prior application Serial No. _____.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
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